

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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Tony R. Kirk Deputy Chief, Program Support Division Department of the Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division P.O. Box 2870 Portland OR 97208-2870

Re: Applications for NPDES Permits for Bonneville, John Day, and The Dalles Projects

Dear Mr. Kirk:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) is in receipt of your letter dated April 18, 2016 requesting a status report on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) NPDES permit applications for the above-listed projects.

The EPA received NPDES permit applications for the above projects and reviewed them for completeness under 40 C.F.R. § 122.21(e)(1). Letters confirming the EPA's completeness determinations were sent to the Corps for each project. The following table provides the dates when the application was received and the dates the completeness determination letters were sent.

Facility Name	Application	Completeness Letter
	Receipt Date	Date
US Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Project (for outfalls	May 4, 2015	August 18, 2015
discharging on the Washington side of the Columbia River)		
US Army Corps of Engineers, The Dalles Project	June 25, 2015	August 6, 2015
US Army Corps of Engineers, The John Day Project (for outfalls discharging on the Washington side of the Columbia River)	August 12, 2015	August 18, 2015

Additionally, EPA staff conducted a site visit to the Bonneville Project on November 17, 2014.

The applications have been added to the Region's NPDES Permit workplan and will be assigned for permit development when the schedule allows.

If you have questions, you may contact me or Dru Keenan of my staff. She may be reached at keenan.dru@epa.gov or (206) 553-1219.

Sincerely,

Michael Lidgard, Manager

NPDES Permits Unit

ce: Ken Duncan, ACE Portland District (email)